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Generous Like Jesus

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PRINCIPLE:

I'm most like _____ when I'm being _____.

You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich. **2 CORINTHIANS 8:9 (NLT)**

GENEROSITY… WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Generosity _____ my _____.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. **JOHN 10:10 (NIV)**

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."
MATTHEW 18:21–22 (NIV)

Generosity _____ my _____.

I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

ACTS 20:33–35 (NIV)

He who despises his neighbor sins; but he who has mercy on the poor, happy is he. **PROVERBS 14:21 (NKJV)**

Generosity _____ my _____.

For instance, there was Joseph, the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (which means "Son of Encouragement"). He was from the tribe of Levi and came from the island of Cyprus. He sold a field he owned and brought the money to the apostles. **ACTS 4:36–37 (NLT)**

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:16 (NIV)

Generosity _____ my _____.

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. **PROVERBS 11:25 (NLT)**

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. **2 CORINTHIANS 9:7–8 (NLT)**

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